

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. USSR-US

a. In a conversation yesterday, Gromyko, who leaves for New York on Sunday, impressed Ambassador Kohler as relaxed, and positive in his expressions of hope for progress in US-Soviet relations.

b. Gromyko, nevertheless, stuck to the Soviet position that any rules for outer space must provide for prohibition of satellites for spying, propaganda, or military purposes.

c. He also saw little chance for enlarging the UN Security Council through a revision of the charter as long as the US insisted on retaining "the Chiang Kai-shekist clique."

d. In regard to a non-aggression pact, Gromyko stressed that linking this issue with access to Berlin, which the Soviets considered related to the broader question of a German peace treaty, was out of the question.

2. Egypt-Yemen

[redacted] a federation of Egypt and Yemen will be announced on 26 September, the anniversary of the revolution.

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[REDACTED] has repeatedly maintained that such a union would be burdensome, and unpopular in Egypt.

c. However, he is determined to keep the republican regime alive and may be convinced that only some arrangement which would cover and justify the continued presence of Egyptian troops will insure its survival.

3. Iraq-USSR

a. The USSR appears to be implementing last month's agreement to resume shipment of conventional military equipment to Iraq.

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d. Some \$25 million worth of Soviet arms and ammunition ordered in October 1961 has yet to be delivered.

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4. Cuba

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c. Conventional Cuban Communists, such as Blas Roca, regarded as more responsive to the Soviet view than to Castro's, were said to have no power within the party.

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Castro's affinity for the Chinese position was obvious, both in his remarks and in the amount of Chinese propaganda circulating within the party.

e. Castro seemed eager to support subversion in Latin America, and said "any quantity" of US dollars could be made available for arms to step up the revolution in the source's country.

5. Malaysia

a. Foreign Minister Subandrio says Sukarno is "upset" over Malaysia developments and that trouble lies ahead unless Tunku evidences a real spirit of friendship and cooperation.

b. In a long conversation with Ambassador Jones yesterday, Subandrio rehearsed Indonesian arguments that the UN survey, especially in Sarawak, was inadequate and would be exposed as "farcial" if it reported Sarawak in favor of Malaysia.

c. Subandrio said his government had not decided what to do after UN survey report is issued on 14 September; he suggested, however, that

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unless the Tunku were willing to conduct further discussions on the future of Malaysia, Sukarno might take out his wrath against the British and the Tunku by resort to force.

d. Meanwhile, both Britain and Malaya have reinforced their troops in Sarawak, and the Indonesian army has announced that "special battle units" have been sent to "strengthen the security" along the Sarawak border.

NOTES

- A. South Vietnam The government's charge that Communist agents are responsible for the student demonstrations, which now comprise the chief open anti-government agitation, has not been substantiated. The French Ambassador in Saigon, however, impressed at the way women and children are being organized to demonstrate, suspects the Communists are behind the agitation, even though the students themselves are not Communists.

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- C. Congo As many as 4,000 of Tshombe's former gendarmes, possibly accompanied by white mercenaries, are said to be regrouping southeast of Elisabethville. They apparently believe that when they grow to 10,000, they will be "instructed" to attack two Katangan towns. UN forces are aware of these reports, but [redacted] are unlikely to deal with this group before it causes trouble.

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D. Haiti

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- E. Chile-France Angered by De Gaulle's decision to conduct nuclear tests in the Pacific in spite of Chile's protests, Santiago has suspended trade relations with France. This action will probably cost Chile delivery of three recently purchased Caravelle jets badly needed by the national airline, but not much else. France supplies but 4.5 percent of Chile's imports, and takes only 2 percent of its exports.